**Informative Writing and research Activity.**

Each of these topics requires you to find out information, make short summaries of the information, and most importantly of all write in appropriate paragraphs, using the TEEL structure.

Your audience needs to be clear about your topic so you need a short introduction that sets the scene or establishes the setting or your information. **The questions in the topics are to assist you in finding and organising your information, and are not there just to be answered.**

**Topic 1**

Write at least 3 paragraphs outlining the history of the “Ashes” Explain and illustrate some notable events of the “Ashes” over its history. Take particular note of the Ashes centenary test.

**Topic 2**

Write a short history of Ash Wednesday fires on Feb 14th thirty one years ago. Look at in particular the fires affected the towns and areas around the Macedon Ranges.

**Topic 3**

Research the city of **Timbuktu.** Draw an outline map of Africa. In the map include the countries of **Mali, Algeria, Chad, Libya, Mauritania, Niger and Morocco.** Mark in Timbuktu accurately.

Write a number of paragraphs including, when the city was founded and why it was established. Explain its major historical and cultural events. Explain who the Tuareg people were. In a final paragraph explain why Timbuktu was in the news recently. Find an appropriate photograph of the city.

**Topic 4**

17. Complete a short research of the islands known as the **West Indies.** Name the main islands. Draw a map of the area naming the main oceans, seas and landforms and islands. Write a short history of the island of Jamaica. Include when and how it was discovered and settled, and the major events in its history. Explain who its people are what is the main language spoken, and some of the major events in its recent times.

**Topic 5**

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This is a photo of the border between North and South Korea.

Find out about the government of North Korea, and the economic and political conditions of the country. Why is there serious tension between north and South Korea now? Explain why America, Japan and feel threatened by N. Korea. Describe the recent armed clashes between North and South Korea.

**Topic 6**

Write a short history of the Korean war. Who was involved? When? What happened? How did it finish? What were its results?)

Find a map of Korea. Mark in the capital cities, the seas and oceans round about, and the neighbouring countries.

**Topic 7**

Find out about Australia’s involvement in the Gallipoli campaign of 1915. Include a description of when it happened, what happened, why it happened and how it ended.

Include a relevant map of the area. Include 3-4 relevant photographs

**Topic 8**

What country does this flag belong to?



Name its capital city. Find out about its political system. Make a time line of important events in it’s history. Draw a map of Scandinavia marking in each country and their capital cities. Mark each of the important seas and oceans. Why is SAAB and IKEA important to this country?

**Topic 8**

Explain what a tornado is and how tornados are formed. You may need to provide diagrams to explain this. Draw a tornado labelling the various parts of it. Find five appropriate photographs on Google images of a tornado, and the damage that it can create

**Topic 9**

Write a short biography of Bruce Springstein. Include in your writing why he was called “The Boss” List his biggest hits and the years in which they were hits. List and explain some of his main tours around the world. Describe his style of music. Find four interesting photographs of him on google images. Listen to one of his songs (youtube) and write a paragraph about why you liked or did not like it. (You may use your earphones)

**Topic 10**

The Sydney Harbour Bridge. Find out when it was built, and why and how it was built. Who designed it. Write ten interesting facts about it. Tell the story of its opening and the roles played by Premier Jack Lang and Captain De Groot. Find three photographs of it.

**Topic 11**

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**The Australian Parliament and Government**

Explain the **Australian Constitution and its history** in a number of paragraphs.

Explain the **House of Representatives,** its numbers and how it is formed and elected. How is the Prime Minister selected? What is the Cabinet? Explain how a law is made.

Explain the **Senate,** its purpose, and how it is elected.

Explain the **Liberal/National Party** and its history. Explain the **Australian Labour Party** and its history. Explain the **Greens Party**.

**Topic 13**

Find and draw a map of Iceland. Find and draw Iceland’s flag. Who is Iceland’s Prime minister? Write a brief summary of Iceland’s history from the 1700,s till now.(You could do this in the form of a timeline) What are the main geographical features of Iceland. Research at least 2 of these in detail. Draw or find pictures of them. Label and explain the main points of them.

**Topic 14**

Write a short biography of Ludwig Leichardt. Include where he was born and died, his major life events, his discoveries and a map of his various journeys of discovery.